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1. DURING IOC MEETINGS IN ROME LAST TWO WEEKS, SEVERAL SOVIETS RAISED QUESTION OF WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS AT U.S. INSISTENCE ON SHORT-TERM EXTENSION AT THIS TIME AND DRAWING OF CONNECTION WITH LOS. SOME EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT U.S. HAD FOUND SOME FAULT WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND SOME MADE USUAL SOVIET DENIAL OF CONNECTION BETWEEN BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND LOS.

2. QUESTION RAISED BY AT LEAST FOUR SOVIETS. TOLSTIKOV (HYDROMET) SPOKE TO US DEL AFTER AGREEMENT EXTENDED FOR 180 DAYS AND CONFINED REMARKS TO GENERAL UNHAPPINESS. V. M.
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GRUZINOV (STATE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE) AND V. V. SLADKOV (OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMITTEE OF USSR) EXPRESSED GREAT DISMAY FROM SCIENTIFIC SIDE BUT PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF LOS. THEY EXPRESSED SHOCK AT U.S. REP STATEMENT THAT AT LEAST SOME IN U.S. FELT ATTITUDE SOVIETS DISPLAYED TOWARD SCIENCE IN UNCLOS INDICATED USSR NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN MARINE SCIENCE, AND DENIED THIS VIGOROUSLY. GRUZINOV LATER

APPEARED RELIEVED THAT AT LEAST 180 DAY EXTENSION AGREED

UPON AND THAT METALNIKOV WAS VISITING WASHINGTON.
INTERESTINGLY, NEITHER GRUZINOV NOR SLADKOV (ENTIRE
SOVIET DEL TO FIRST IOC MEETING) APPEARED AWARE OF 180
DAY EXTENSION PROPOSAL, BUT K. N. FEDOROV (NATIONAL
COMMITTEE OF SOVIET OCEANOGRAPHERS), REPRESENTING SCOR
OF ICSU, WHO STRESSED HIS SEPARATION FROM SOVIET GOVERN-
MENT, WAS COMPLETELY AWARE OF IT. FEDOROV STRONGLY DENIED
ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN AGREEMENT AND LOS. VANCE

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